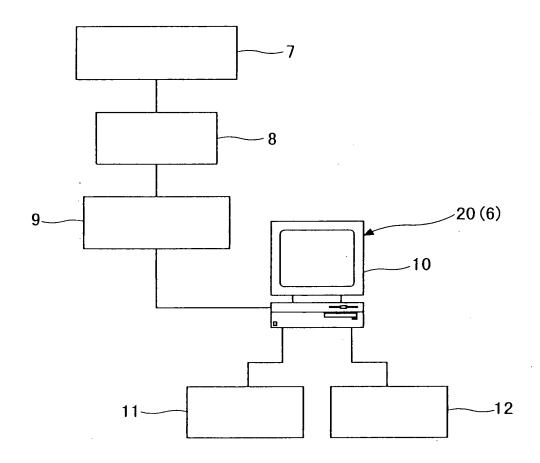
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FIG. 1

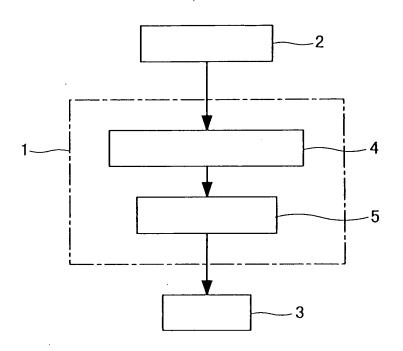


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FIG. 2



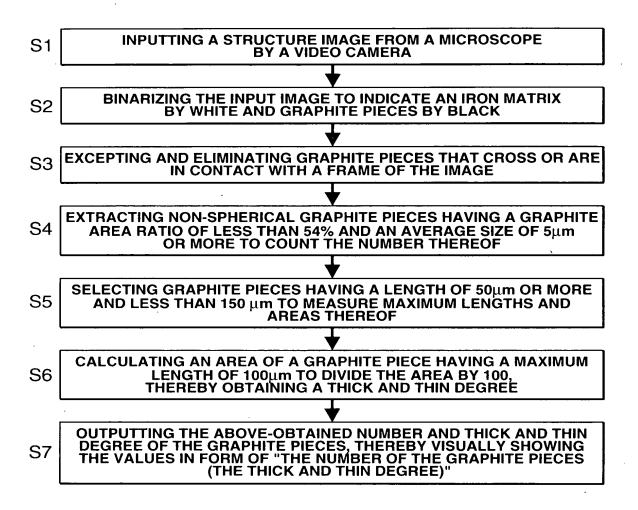
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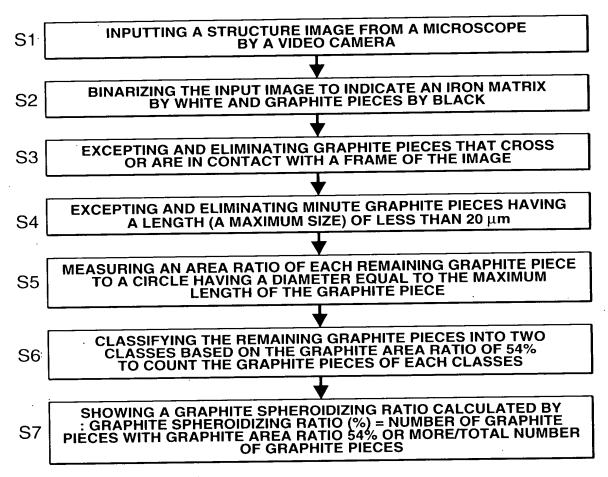
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## FIG. 3



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### FIG. 4



STEPS OF IMAGE ANALYSIS FOR MEASURING GRAPHITE SPHEROIDIZING RATIO

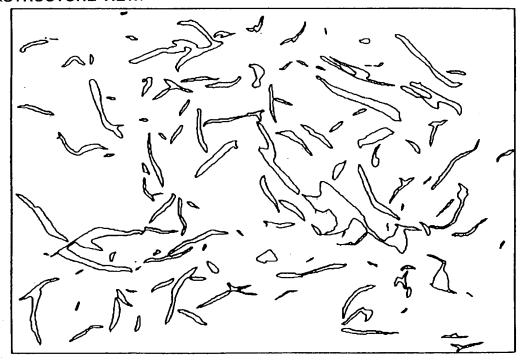
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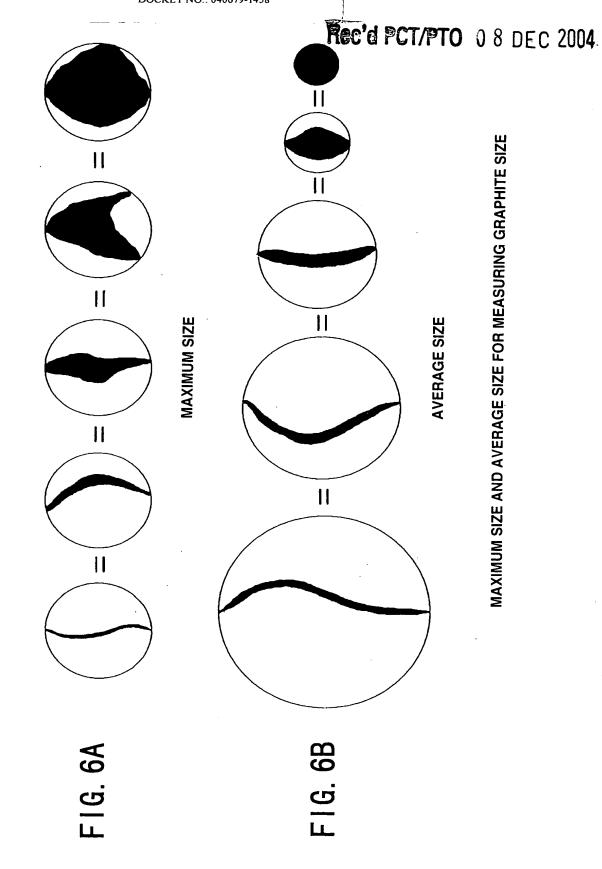
FIG. 5

RECORD O	F G	RAPHITE SPHER	ROIDIZING RATIO	MEASUREMENT
MEASUREMENT <full field="" m<="" td=""><td>DA EAS</td><td>TE 2002/03/29 SUREMENT&gt;</td><td></td><td></td></full>	DA EAS	TE 2002/03/29 SUREMENT>		
GRAPHITE PIEC	ES	HAVING MAXIM WERE EX	IUM SIZE OF 20 M (CEPTED	IICRONS OR LESS
GRAPHITE STRUCTURE		STRUCTURES I TO IV	STRUCTURES V TO VI	GRAPHITE SPHEROIDIZING RATIO (%)
COEFFICIENT		0	1.0	
MEASUREMENT FIELD	1	109	1	0.9
	2	112	0	0.9
	3	109	1	0.9
	4	*	*	*
	5	*	*	*
TOTAL FIELD		330	2	0.6

### **<STRUCTURE VIEW>**

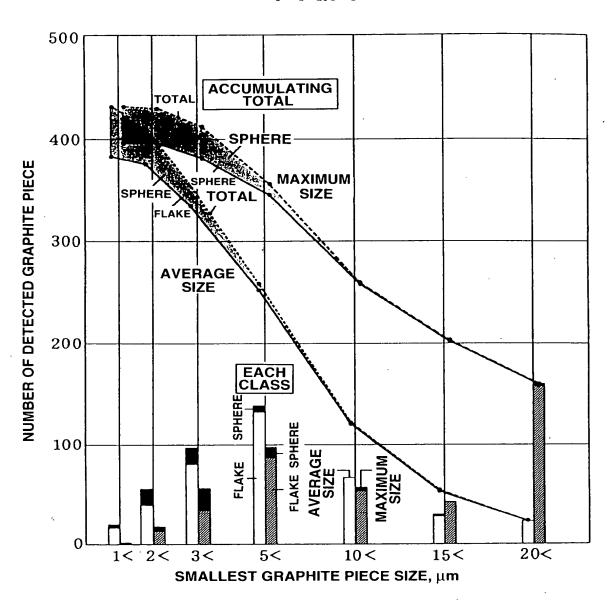


**OUTPUT OF IMAGE ANALYSIS RESULT** 



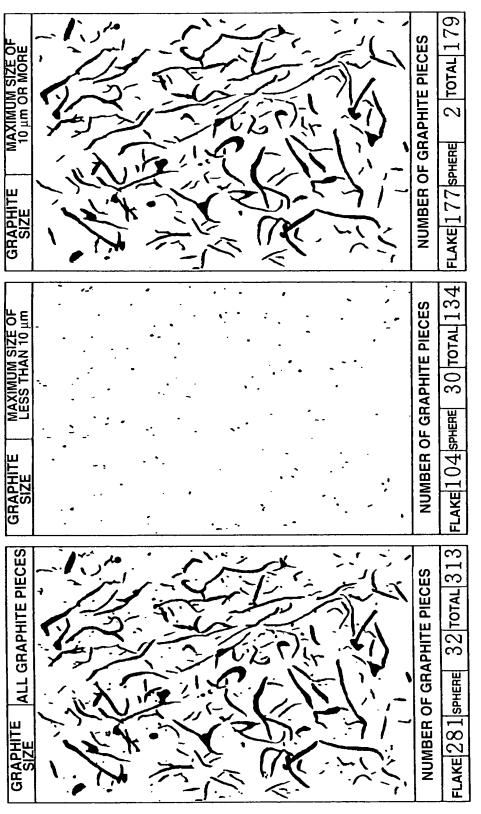
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FIG. 7



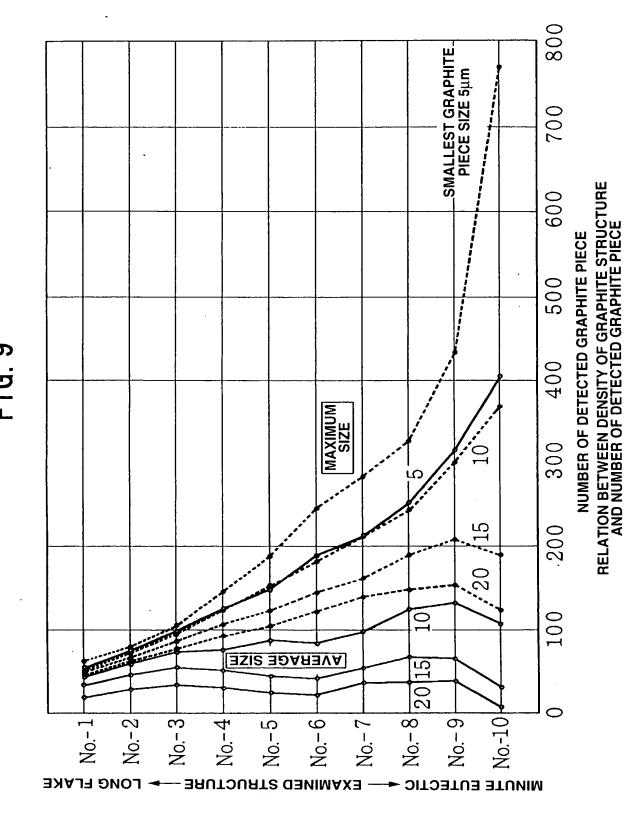
NUMBERS OF DETECTED GRAPHITE PIECES OF DIFFERENT SHAPES AND SIZES

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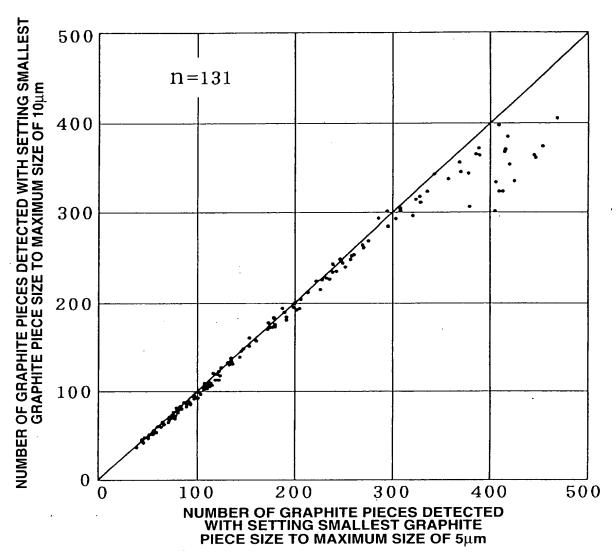


DIVISION OF GRAPHITE PIECES INTO THOSE OF MAXIMUM SIZE OF LESS THAN  $10\mu m$  AND THOSE OF MAXIMUM SIZE OF 10  $\mu m$  OR MORE

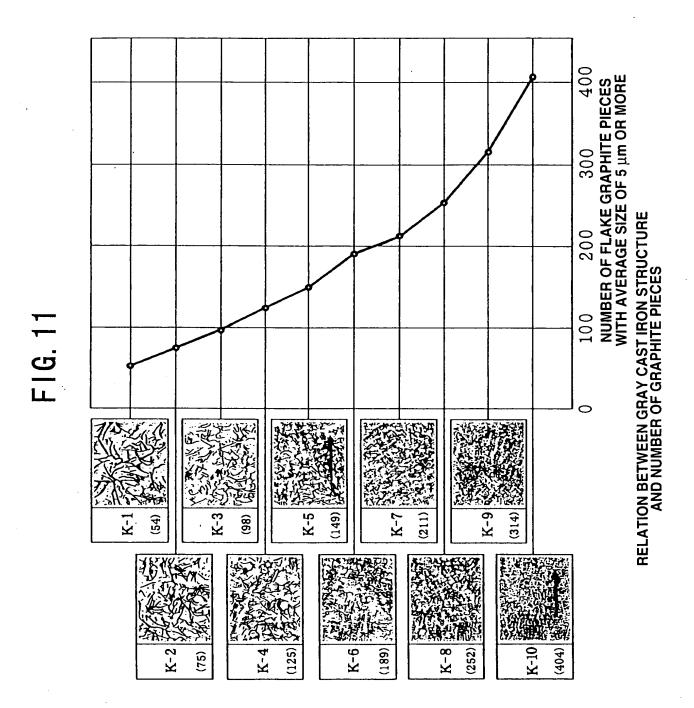
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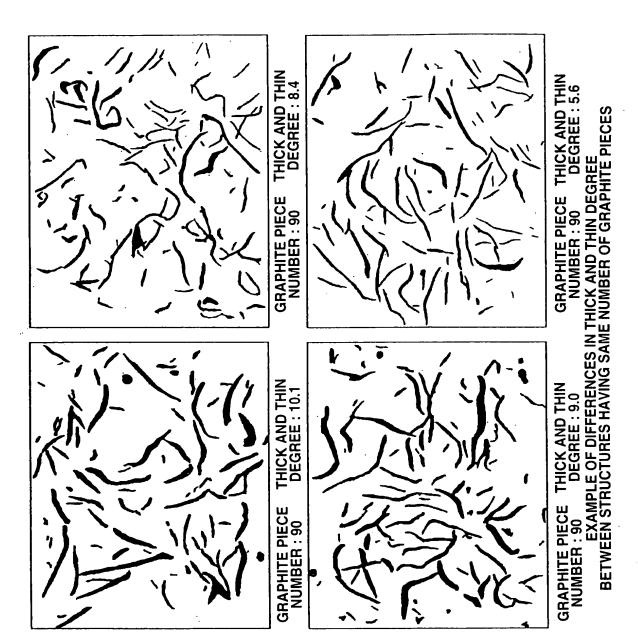
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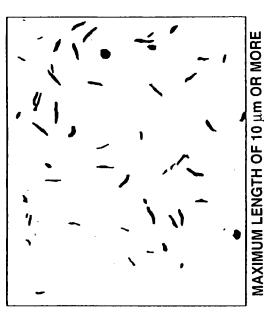


RELATION BETWEEN SMALLEST GRAPHITE PIECE SIZE AND NUMBER OF DETECTED GRAPHITE PIECES









MAXIMUM LENGTH OF 10 μm OR MORE AND LESS THAN 50 μm



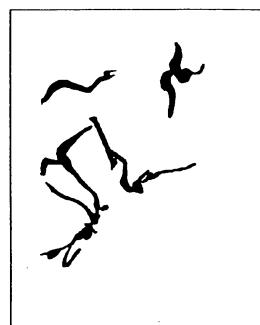


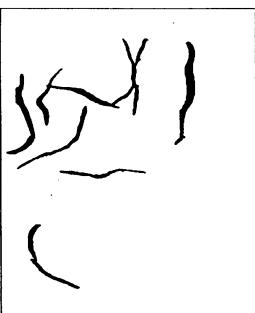
MAXIMUM LENGTH OF 150  $\mu m$  OR MORE DIVISION OF GRAPHITE STRUCTURE WITH GRAPHITE PIECE NUMBER OF 90 BASED ON SIZES MAXIMUM LENGTH OF 50 µm OR MORE AND LESS THAN 150 µm

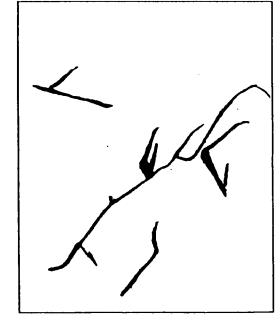
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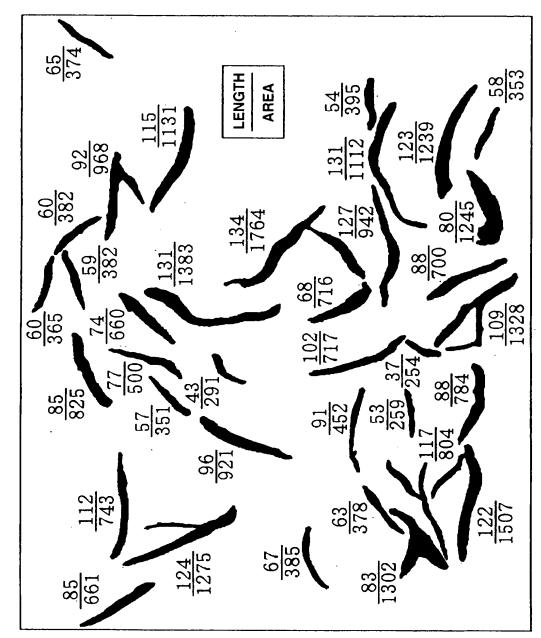




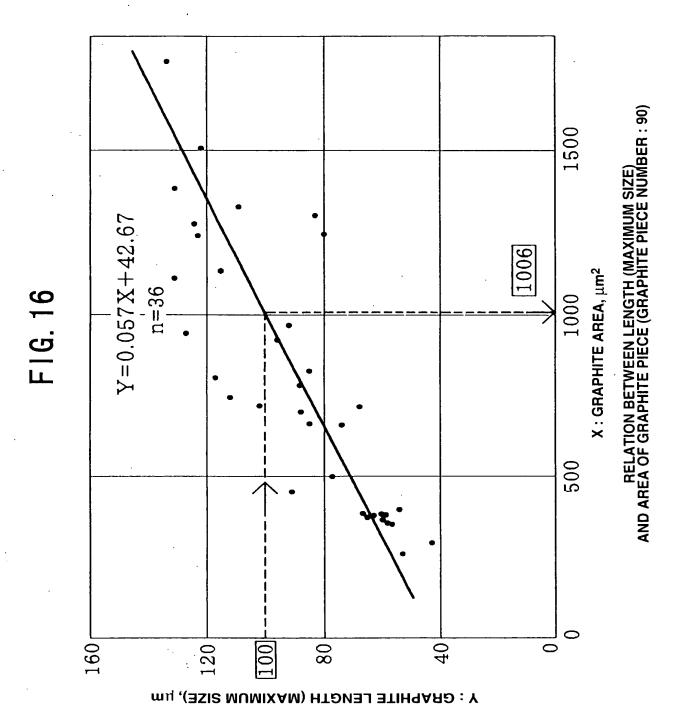
LINKAGE OF A PLURALITY OF GRAPHITE PIECES INCREASED AMONG GRAPHITE PIECES WITH SIZE OF APPROXIMATELY 150  $\mu\text{m}$  OR MORE

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MEASUREMENT OF LENGTH AND AREA OF EACH GRAPHITE PIECE IN GRAPHITE STRUCTURE WITH GRAPHITE PIECE NUMBER 90



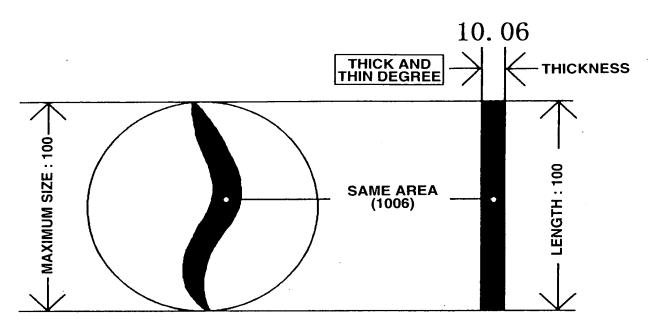
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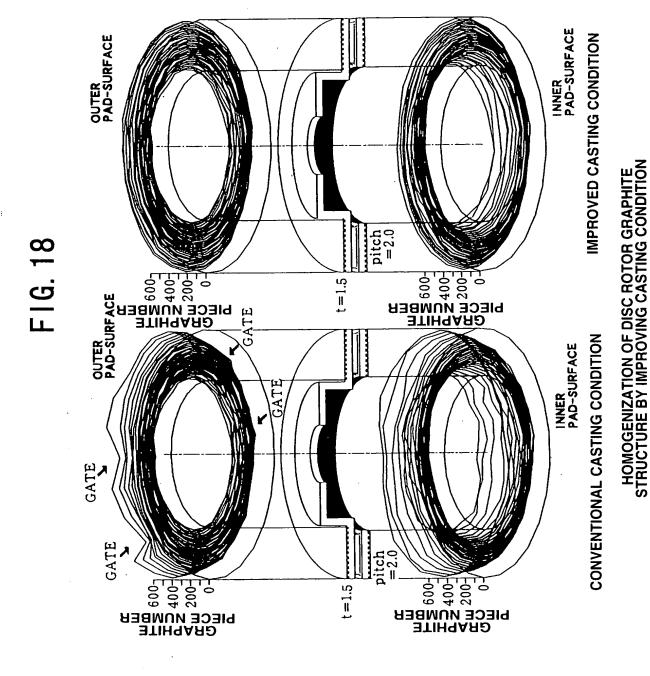
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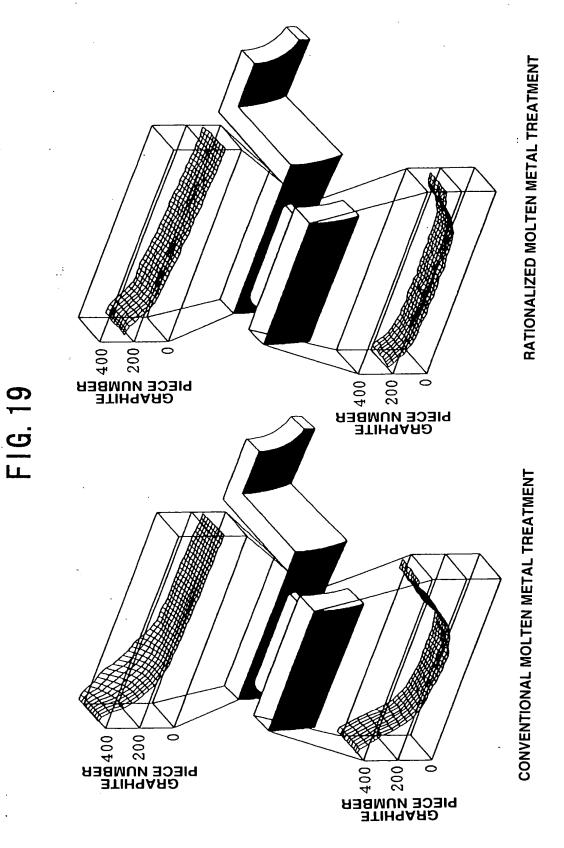


INDICATION OF THICK AND THIN DEGREE OF GRAPHITE PIECES BASED ON THICKNESS OF CALCULATIONAL, ASSUMPTIVE, REPRESENTATIVE GRAPHITE PIECE WITH LENGTH OF  $100\mu m$ 

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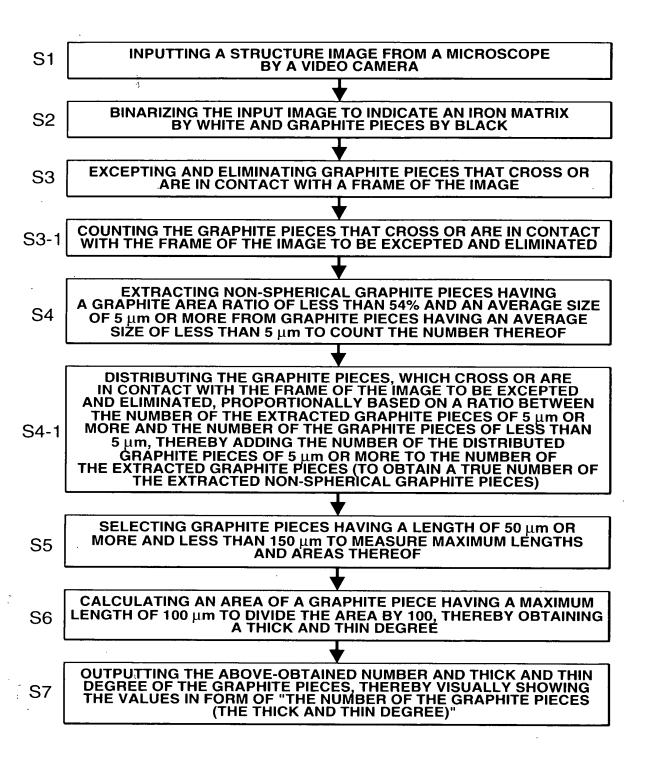


IMPROVEMENT OF DISC ROTOR GRAPHITE STRUCTURE BY RATIONALIZING MOLTEN METAL TREATMENT

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### FIG. 20



AFTER EXCEPTING GRAPHITE PIECES IN CONTACT WITH FRAME (MEASURING OBJECT)

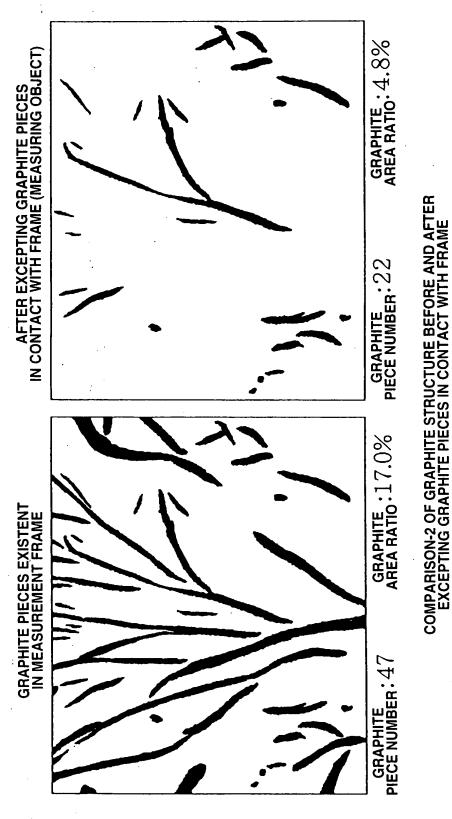
GRAPHITE PIECES EXISTENT IN MEASUREMENT FRAME

 $(640 \, \mu m)$ 



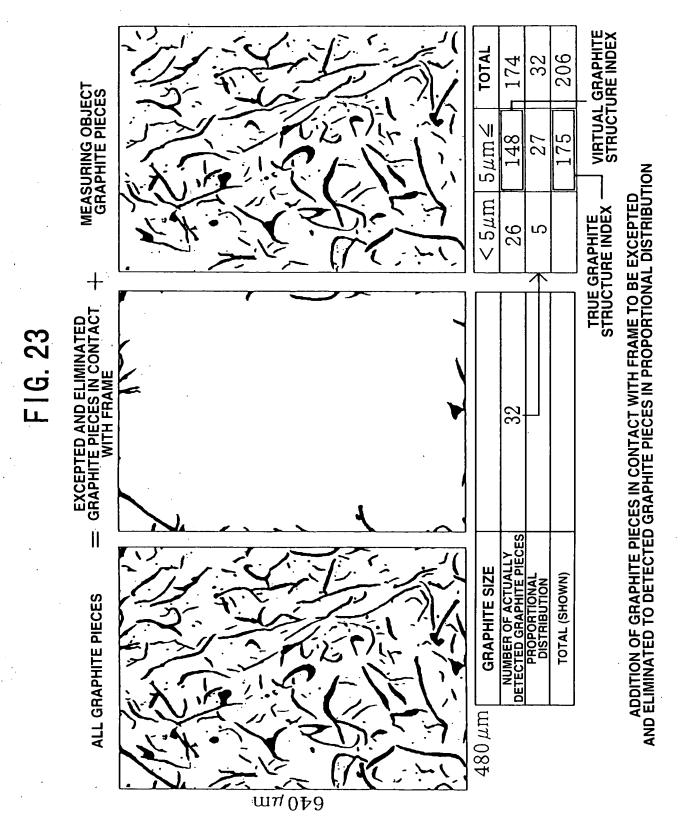
 $(m_{108})$ 

COMPARISON-1 OF GRAPHITE STRUCTURE BEFORE AND AFTER EXCEPTING GRAPHITE PIECES IN CONTACT WITH FRAME



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FIG. 24

